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Roads, homes flooded

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Exclusive cab service for women struggling due to funds crunch, government support hard to come by

FADING PINK

30 cabs with as many women drivers serve almost 1,000 women customers daily

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The recent number of cases of alleged sexual harassment against women passengers using cab services can make an easy case for a need to increase the number of cab services exclusively driven by women catering to women passengers. The city does have a few services for women, but such small-scale startups are struggling due to a fund crunch and are unable to increase their fleet. They have now requested government support.

Bengaluru's only cab services driven only by women and founded by an all-women team, Go Pink's representative told BM that cabs can be identified by the pink bumper. The cabs are driven by women drivers who have been provided with self-defence training and the Hoysala police have set up the Suraksha app for a prompt response in these cabs. Additionally, drivers encourage women passengers to provide the live location of the journey to their families/loved ones.

"The company was started in 2015 with the vision to provide cab

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"We are not getting any incentive to run women-centred services. Earlier KSTDC was supporting us but now we have stopped getting support. We are not getting any support from the state government

— Anuradha, co-founder of Go Pink

No-entry to animals & no feeding them

Strange notice put up on UAS campus gate has ticked off animal lovers and feeders of stray dogs

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Animal activists are up in arms against the Vice-Chancellor of University of Agricultural Sciences for putting up a board prohibiting the entry of dogs, cats, and cattle and also feeding of dogs in any form on the UAS campus. .

Sujaya Jagadish, SPCA Member, said that human beings in general and especially the government officials must not indulge in acts of cruelty. "While serious attempts are being made for human beings and animals to coexist and together contribute to improving the environment, the people in-charge of educational institutions must lead by example. Campus heads must become aware of the animal welfare laws, in the absence of which they become liable for prosecution under the Central/State Service Conduct Rule," said Sujaya.

The UAS campus head had asked for a board to be put up with prohibits entry of animals on campus. Animal activists said security guards are objecting to volunteers feeding stray dogs on the campus. "I have been feeding stray dogs on the UAS campus,

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Lens-eye view

Catch the inaugural collaboration between the Museum of Art and Photography (MAP) and the Goethe-Institut / Max Mueller Bhavan Bangalore! On display will be an Exhibition: India Tecton by German photographer Nicolaus Schmidt and an exclusive workshop on Photography: Ideas and Design Tools. The workshop begins with a guided tour of the Exhibition at the Goethe-Institut / Max Mueller Bhavan, giving the participants the opportunity to ask the artist about his working methods. In the practical part of the course, participants first learn about the wide range of photographic concepts and working methods.
Where: Goethe-Institut / Max Mueller Bhavan (only on morning of Day 1), Museum of Art and Photography
When: May 15 to 19, 10.30 am - 5 pm
Info: goethe.de/bangalore

02 Food for thought

Skewed... is Fourth Wall Theatre's maiden production directed by Mahesh SP written by Mahesh SP, Vilok V Kowsik & Arvindh S Kumar. The play is set in today's times. Divya, the protagonist, finds her husband, Kiran mysteriously dead in their residence. The case gets escalated as Kiran was a police inspector. Upon attempting to unravel the mystery, characters of everyone around Kiran are questioned. It is a story that reflects and questions society.
Where: Ranga Shankara
When: May 12, 7:30pm
Tickets: bookmyshow.com

03 Yoga, your way

Yoga is a divine practice which unifies the body and mind. When combined with the beautiful practice of sound healing, it is definitely a blissful experience. You surely don't want to miss this. Join with your friends and family for Nada Yoga, a combination of yoga and sound healing and experience a rejuvenating morning.
Where: Atta Galatta
When: May 12, 11:30 am - 1:30pm
Tickets: bookmyshow

Statues of Rani Abbakka Chowta and Indian film producer Dr Parvathamma Rajkumar were documented in the research

Statues, of all times

Urban artists document changing socio-economic landscape of Bengaluru through statues & sculptures in the city in first-of-its-kind project in India

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A group of urban architects and artists have embarked on a unique journey to map the socio-economic changes of Bengaluru, documented in the city's many sculptures and statues.

The 14-month project funded by India Foundation for the Arts (IFA) has documented over 700 sculptures and statues present throughout the city, and the exhibition is set to take place on MG Road from May 12-14. The research team consisting of artist Ravikumar Kashi, urban researcher Salila Vanka and architect Madhuri Rao are chronicling the history and the changing demographics of the city.

Explaining how they conducted the research, Kashi said, "We went to the studios to see the process of making the sculptures and met personalities like Chandan Gowda and interacted with Janaki Nair." A lot of sculptures from Lalbagh and Cubbon Park like that of mermaid and dinosaur were also studied. The aspect of why a particular height and the exterior and pedestal of the sculpture like a mantapa has also been focussed upon.

He also touched upon a vital point: banners and posters would vanish over time, but the sculptures will adorn the city longer. "Post 90s, the image of Bengaluru has changed from a sleepy public sector city to IT city. Most of the statues have come up post that in the central parts of the city like Malleswaram, Rajajinagar, Vijaynagar and Gandhi Bazaar rather than the outskirts like Whitefield."

> **Out of the 700 statues, only 13 are of women. There is inequality seen in art too**
> –Madhuri Rao, one of the architects involved in the project

Architect Madhuri Rao said that the study portrays the socio-economic changes over the years. Pointing to the inequality seen even in the art created, she said, "A large number of statues came up after the 1900s. Out of the 700 sculptures, only 13 of them were of women. Even those are of historical or mythical women and none of the current active women in different fields. There are no sculptures of actresses apart from Parvathamma Rajkumar at South end circle. Other sculptures include Indira Gandhi and Mahatyagi Lakshmi."

The entire process from how the statue is commissioned to the awareness of crafting a statue has been documented by the team. The exhibition studies how the sculptures have become an identity of cast, culture, and language of the city. She added that while most of the statues mention either the names of association of the MLA of the area, the name of the artist is lost. As these artists are underrepresented, the exhibition aims to bring these talented artists to the limelight.

Kashi said that of the 700 sculptures, Dr Rajkumar and Ambedkar's statues are the most popular with 100 of the former and 70 of the latter present in the city. "The analysis exclusively points to two broad categories. One being the distinction between the statues and sculptures and the second being the sculptures being present in institutional buildings, parks and other places. We have documented how the sculptures become."

Enhancing on the unique aspects found during the research he said, "The interesting aspect is there is one sculpture of Pele in Ashok Nagar and one of the late constable Thimmaiah who saved the life of a family near Vidhana Soudha. The statues can now be mapped on Google Maps for the public. People also sent us photos of the statues on the Instagram page."

The exhibition will run for 3 days at the MG Road art gallery.

Go Airlines seeks urgent bankruptcy order

Go Airlines on Monday called on India's company law tribunal to urgently grant its request for bankruptcy protection, as the aviation regulator stepped up pressure on the carrier to stop issuing new tickets and lessors sought to repossess planes.

The airline, widely known as Go First, filed for bankruptcy protection last week, blaming "faulty" Pratt & Whitney engines for the grounding of about half its 54 Airbus A320neo. In all, it has 57 planes.

While the National Company Law Tribunal heard Go First's bankruptcy plea last week, it has yet to pass an order.

This has given lessors a window to secure their assets.

Leasing companies including GY Aviation Lease, SMBC Aviation Capital and Pembroke Aircraft Leasing, submitted requests to India's aviation regulator to take back at least 20 planes.

Lawyers representing cash-strapped Go Airlines said at Monday's court hearing that the lessors' actions could further impair its operations.

Separately, India's aviation regulator ordered Go First to stop issuing new tickets, a government source with direct knowledge of the matter said.

Go Airlines did not respond to a request for comment on the directive.

Pratt & Whitney, part of Raytheon Technologies and the exclusive supplier of engines to Go First, has previously told an arbitrator that the airline's claim of defective engines causing its demise was "astounding" and without evidence.

Go First failed because of "its own poor management and events like Covid", Pratt said, according to legal documents.

–Reuters

Injured deer treated, sent back to the wild

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In a heartwarming incident, the People For Animals' (PfA) QRRT (Quick Rescue Reaction Team) saved the life of a spotted deer that was injured and lying adjacent to the Airport Road near Nandi Hills. Upon being alerted by a forest range officer a team from PfA was dispatched immediately to the site, which was 40 km away and required an hour and 20 minutes of driving from the shelter.

Chief veterinarian Col. Dr. Navaz Sharif assessed the clinical condition of the deer in consultation with the veterinary team consisting of Dr. Madhav Rahul and Mohan to determine the best course of action.

Upon reaching the location, the team of vets provided on-the-spot treatment to the deer that had a laceration in the carpal region. Using local anesthesia, the veterinarian sutured the wound and provided the necessary medication to prevent infection and promote healing.

> **"Deer immediately took off into the forest, displaying a remarkable recovery and a renewed lease on life** – Dr Navaz Sharif, PfA

Dr Navaz said, "After the treatment, it was decided to release the deer back into the forest to prevent capture myopathy, which is a condition caused by the stress and physical strain of captivity. The deer immediately took off into the forest, displaying a remarkable recovery and a renewed lease on life."

Maruthi, Deputy Range Forest Officer (DRFO) Yelahanka division, had seen the deer being chased by the dogs in the forest. It reached the outskirts out of fear. While dodging the dogs, the deer was hurt on its leg and needed immediate medical treatment.

"I informed the PfA team immediately and was at the spot where the deer was injured and lying. Once they reached, they immediately gave the deer medical care and it got better. They observed the deer for a while and released it back to the wild," he added.

Maruthi added that the incident highlights the importance of having trained professionals and well-equipped rescue teams to ensure the safety and well-being of wildlife. "It also reminds us of our responsibility to protect and conserve our natural heritage, which includes not just the animals, but also their habitats and ecosystems."

Not monsoon, but sinking feeling is already here

Roads flooded, filthy water enters homes, compound wall collapses — all in a day of rain's work

Scene at RV Road on Monday evening

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Monsoon is still a month away, but pre-monsoon showers have already caused mayhem in Bengaluru. Several incidents of flood-related damages were reported on Monday. Last year, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) had made big plans to revive storm-water drains, but as of now the results are nowhere to be seen.

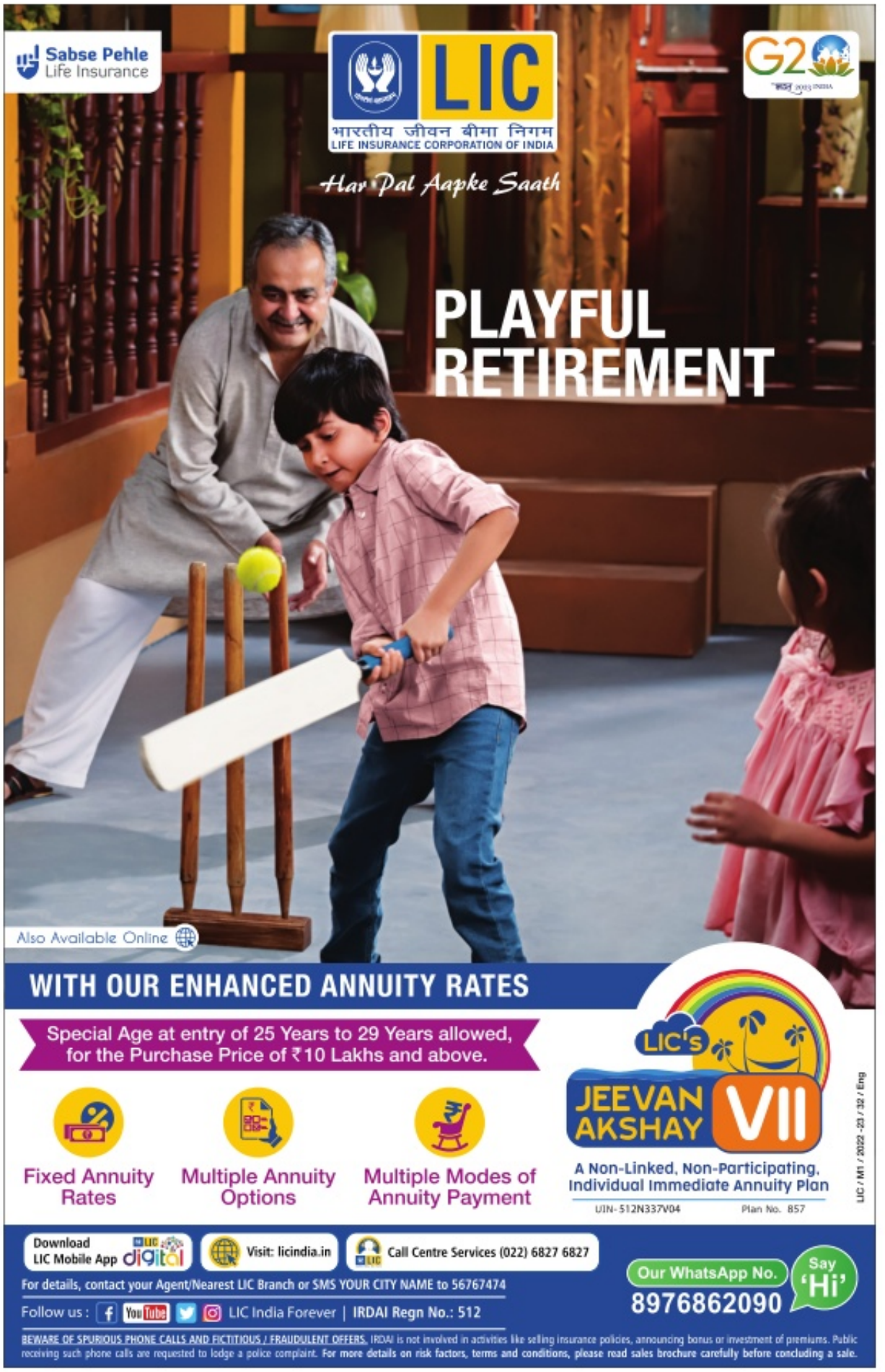
As per the data shared by the India Meteorological Department, the HAL office recorded 12.4 cm and the city office recorded 4.8cm of rainfall as of 5:30 pm on Monday.

Fayazabad near JP Nagar got flooded again. Overflowing water from the roads entered the households. Rushing water through the streets made it difficult for residents to step out of their homes. Filthy and murky water entered the homes and submerged people's basic necessities.

Though citizens had requested BBMP to conduct desilting last week, the civic body is said to have ignored it. "All the water from JP Nagar, Ram Krishnanagar is coming to Fayazabad. The existing drain system is overburdened and the new one is not yet ready," said Gulab Pasha, a citizen activist.

The compound wall of an apartment in Yelachenahalli collapsed. Residents of Banashankari Balaji Paradise said that due to water logging, the compound wall collapsed at 5:30 pm. "The entire length of the compound wall collapsed suddenly at 5:30 pm. With the water coming from the ground level accumulating, the wall collapsed," said Shiva Sagar, a resident of the apartment.

Commuters travelling on RV Road found themselves in a fix as well. A portion of RV Road in front of Vijaya College in Basavanagudi was flooded forcing two-wheelers and auto rickshaws to be stranded. Houses in Veerabhadra Nagar were flooded as well and a few cars were damaged when a compound wall collapsed on them.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10 months after 'VIP fix', road on the brink

Kuvempu Nagar Main Road may collapse any day, residents complain

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The recent spell of rain has further deteriorated the state of the Kuvempu Nagar Main Road in Vallabha Nagar. Just 10 months after the road was asphalted for then-President of India Ram Nath Kovind's visit, residents fear the road will collapse any day now.

The stretch of Kuvempu Nagar Main Road was asphalted in haste for the presidential visit to the Iskcon Temple on Kanakapura Road. Owing to President Ramnath Kovind passing through the area to reach Iskcon, the road was asphalted within three days. However, residents say that within 10 days, the road started developing cracks. Due to infrastructural work on the sidelines, the condition has been worsening.

The road, which is primarily used by big apartments to connect to Kanakapura Road, has become extremely dangerous for commuters. The road has developed cracks, and a portion of the road has started to sink. Furthermore, residents fear that without immediate action by authorities, the road is a death sentence for motorists.

A resident of the area told Bangalore Mirror that the road was asphalted within three to four days, and now the monsoon is showing its true condition.

"The road has begun to sink. Due to construction in the area, heavy vehicles continue to pass through the area, further sinking the road," they said.

Many residents fear that the road might sink further owing to its condition.

According to Rithika, another resident, the road in front of Mantri Serenity apartment has begun to sink.

"Within 10 days, the road started sinking and developing cracks. For a while, heavy vehicles were barred, but now they're being freely used. With the rain starting, the road might sink further. The road provides major connectivity for commuting to nearby areas. Due to the condition of the roads, we have stopped using our vehicle on the road," she said.

"The road provides us connectivity to ISRO Layout and other parts of the city. But the road is extremely dangerous to use right now. Currently, only one vehicle can pass at a time, and another side is slowly sinking. We don't know when the road will completely collapse. The monsoons are washing away the soil under the half-exposed road from the cracked portions," said Geetha, another resident.

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> –Rithika, a resident

Exclusive services for women not enough

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services for women in the light of the Nirbhaya case. We want to provide cab services for women, especially at night. With this goal in mind, we started the company with Kalyani Mohan and Sunila Suresh," said Anuradha, co-founder of Go Pink. She said that when they started out, they thought it would be easy to get women drivers. But that was not the case. "Women with driving licenses are only willing to use their skill sets for personal use. But seeing a real dearth of women drivers, we decided to train women. We started the Unnati project to provide 36 hours of practical training and seven hours of theoretical training. We tied up with Maruti Training School to provide training for these women. We also wanted to support underprivileged women by offering them more employment opportunities. We went to NGOs, ashramas, and women working in apartment complexes to identify independent women to be added to the fleet," she explained.

File photo: A fleet of pink taxis driven by women drivers

Anuradha added that initially, they focused on providing services for autistic kids. "We created a service catering to the commute of children with autism. A lot of parents came forward demanding these services. The following year, we provided services for pregnant women. In 2018, we decided to launch night-time cab services for airport passengers. Initially, there was a lot of resistance to the idea," she added.

Currently, Go Pink has 30 cabs, and 30 women drivers, serving nearly 1,000 women passengers daily. As of now, they have served 1 lakh women passengers.

However, Go Pink is yet to open to offering services to the rest of Bengaluru due to a fund crunch. "We are not getting any incentive to run women-centred services. Earlier KSTDC was supporting us but now we have stopped getting support. We are not getting any support from the state government. However, to incentivise women drivers, we are letting the women riders own the vehicles after four years," she added.

Though a commendable effort, activists feel that women-exclusive services are just a stop-gap measure. "There should be more such services available for women. But people need to stop perceiving women as second-class citizens. Women should be given respect without having to demand it. We asked for women's police stations but they are run with the same apathy," said women activist Mamatha.

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Finish this
Vasanth Nagar

Despite continuous rainfall, there is no respite for commuters as bus shelter opposite Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan on Dr MH Amarnath Road, Old Race Course Road, in Vasanth Nagar, is yet to be completed.

No parking
KR Puram

Too many vehicles are parked in the bus stop area in KR Puram; the police station nearby is not checking on a daily basis.

Dirt pile
Promenade Road

This is an authorised dumping yard for construction debris permitted by the BBMP and traffic police on St Johns and Promenade Road entrance, with 20 cameras around it.

Not much method to this madness

Haphazard parking of e-scooters is making it difficult for other motorists to negotiate space

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Yulu users often leave the bike in random places

It's a common sight nowadays. If you are driving across Bengaluru, you might spot Yulu bikes lying on footpaths or delivery partners over-speeding and jumping traffic signals on them. Yulu bikes have become a nightmare for many residents, who complain that the scooters lying everywhere rather than their own stand.

Saniya, a resident of the city, says that two-three weeks ago, she and her friend were looking for parking spots near Gramin in Koramangala. They found a spot but then a Yulu bike parked in such a way that they could not park the car without removing it.

"There was a separate space for parking bikes nearby. We had to move the Yulu bike from there in order to park the car by taking help from a pedestrian," she said.

Another resident, AB Gowda, says Yulu users ride on footpaths and the wrong way and obstruct traffic in the area and they get away without any penalty.

"Yulu is used predominantly by delivery riders and they are often riding it dangerously on roads while other riders simply abandon Yulu bikes on road haphazardly. Yulu is also used by kids and under-aged riders irresponsibly. Their company co-founder is an urban expert & civic rights activist who has turned a blind eye to the menace caused by his company's services," he said.

Others think that banning it is not the solution. "Yulu bikes are also seen on footpaths, one-way streets and other stretches not meant for vehicles. However, I don't think it's fair to ban Yulu for the carelessness shown by users. Yulu should coordinate with the traffic police and try to ensure that their bikes aren't parked carelessly. They should also raise awareness among users to not ride on footpaths," says Sanjay, a resident of Bengaluru.

> **"Citizens want Yulu to coordinate with traffic cops and ensure bikes aren't parked carelessly**

Traffic police say that Yulu bikes are not their responsibility and it is handled by DULT. "The project is being handled by DULT and you need to enquire with them regarding the provisions of this project," said MA Saleem, additional director general and special commissioner of police (traffic).

When BM contacted DULT, they said that they can't comment on the matter till the elections are not over.

Drug racket busted

The Central Crime Branch's anti-narcotics wing recently arrested 16 people in a major drug bust and seized drugs worth Rs 7.06 crore in Bengaluru.

According to the police, they found 51 kg of marijuana, 6 kg of hashish oil, 140 gm MDMA, 236 ecstasy pills, 34 LSD strips and 23G cocaine, 17 phones, one car and one bike.

The accused has been identified as Jantu Mondol, Saikumar Damshetty who were caught by the Wilson Garden police. Arjun Nambair, Rohan Babu and Pawan were caught by the Ashok Nagar police and Akshay and Jishnu were caught by the Begur police. —BMB

Metro timings extended

BMRCL has announced the extension of metro timings till midnight hours on May 10, to facilitate voters.

The last train from the terminal stations Baiyappanahalli, Kengeri, Nagasandra, Silk Institute, Krishnarajapura and Whitefield (Kadugodi) would depart at 00.05 hours on May 11.

The last trains from Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Station, Majestic will leave at 00.35 hours towards four terminals: Baiyappanahalli, Kengeri, Nagasandra, Silk Institute on May 11. —BMB

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'Fixed timetable, a key to success'

From choosing to study qualitatively instead of quantitatively to maintaining a strict schedule every day and setting aside a fixed time for phone usage, SSLC toppers share their mantra for success

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Students check their SSLC results on Monday at an institute in Rajajinagar

For the four students who got full marks in the SSLC exams, studying every day and having a disciplined schedule was the key to topping. In the results that were announced on Monday, four students secured 625 out of 625 marks.

Bhoomika R Pai, a resident of Kudlu Gate, Bengaluru said, "I had written my exams well and was confident of securing marks in the range of 95 per cent and above. My mantra for success was that I used to study the subjects on the same day after they were taught in the classroom. Though I didn't stop using mobile phones or TV, I knew where to draw the line."

Anupama Shrishail Hireholi, Saundatti who also scored cent per cent marks said that she would return from school at 4 pm and then start studying from 5.30 pm to 9.30 pm and beyond. The next day, she would wake up early to revise. "I never skipped studying even for a single day. My mother would take me to task even if I get one mark less and this helped me to score cent per cent marks."

For Yashas Gowda N from Agalagurki, Chikkaballapur, quality matters over quantity. "I don't believe in the concept of studying more but I believe in studying precisely with full concentration. I would study only a couple of hours every day after classes. The best part of my preparation was that I never went for tuitions. Though I used mobile phones for basic work, I was never nomophobic. I want to take up science stream in PU and then give a try for both NEET as well as JEE."

Bhimanagoud Biradar Patil, Muddebihal is the fourth student to have topped.

Pass percentage dips

Around 83.89 per cent of students have passed the SSLC exams for which the results were announced on Monday. Surprisingly, this is the lowest pass percentage in the last three years (85.13 per cent in 2021-22 and 99.99 per cent in 2020-21). Though the results have dipped compared to last year, the officials had a different narrative.

Around 83.89 per cent of students passed the SSLC exams, the lowest pass percentage in the last three years

R Vishal, Commissioner for School Education said, "We should analyse the results in a different way. For example, the difficulty level of question papers during 2019-20 and 2021-22 was 20 per cent and 10 per cent respectively. The same for the year 2022-23 is 20 per cent again. Hence it is inferred that the performance of students in this year's examination has improved by 12.09 per cent compared to 2019-20."

Like most of the years, the girls continued to outshine boys with 87.87 per cent of girls passing as against 80.08 per cent boys. Similarly 87 per cent of rural students had passed in the exam as against 79.62 per cent students from urban areas. The pass percentage (for freshers) was the highest in unaided schools (90.89 per cent), followed by government schools 86.74 per cen and aided 85.64 per cent.

100 per cent & 0 per cent

The number of students scoring cent per cent marks has significantly decreased. During last year's results, 145 students had scored 625 out of 625 while this year only four managed to score the full marks.

Of the six subjects, 16,170 students had secured highest marks in third language while 983 could achieve the same in science.

On the contrary, 34 schools have secured zero passes and out of them 23 are unaided and 11 are aided schools.

The differently abled children have performed well in the exams as their overall pass percentage is 80.08 per cent.

Grace marks

Vishal said that a section of students were given grace marks to pass in the exam. "This year, we were given grace marks in three subjects. For example, a student who was in the borderline could get up to 10 per cent grace marks in a maximum of three subjects. We had come up with a formula to award grace marks. As a result, 59,246 students have passed the exams by receiving grace marks this year as against 55,000 students who were awarded grace marks last year."

Students who have not scored well can apply for photocopies and verify their answers with the key answers. If they are not satisfied, they can apply for revaluation, he added.

Bengaluru fares poorly

The Bengaluru schools have fared poorly when compared to other schools in terms of overall pass percentage. Chitradurga district topped the charts with 96.8 per cent of students passing the exams followed by Mandya (96.7 per cent). Bengaluru North was in 32nd position with 80.93 per cent passes and Bengaluru South in 33rd spot with 78.95 per cent passing. The last in the table was Yadgir district with 75.49 per cent passes.

Board put up at the GKVK Campus earns flak

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but recently, a few guards stopped me from doing so," said Jeyanth Krishnan, a colony caretaker.

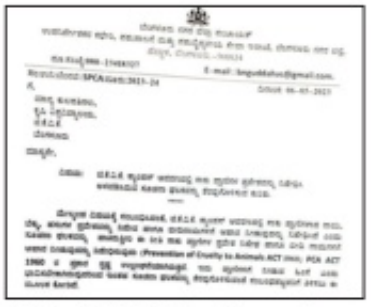
Shrinivas, a resident of Judicial Layout, said the guards were not allowing dog feeders to enter the campus. "I used to take my pet along with me for a walk. Now, the guards are not allowing me to enter the campus with my pet. The UAS authorities must allow feeding of dogs and also for people to enter the campus with their pets," he said.

The Member Secretary of Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) wrote a letter to the Vice Chancellor on May 6 advising the removal of the notice. The Member Secretary stated in the letter that putting up the board prohibiting the feeding of dogs is against the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1960.

"The board can be considered as the cruelty to animals. I am advising you to direct those responsible for putting the board to remove it," the SPCA Member Secretary said in the letter.

When contacted, UAS Vice Chancellor Dr SV Suresha confirmed that the letter was received. "I will direct the official concerned to remove the board. It will be removed," said the Vice Chancellor.

According to Bruhat Bengaluru



Letter to GKVK Vice-Chancellor from SPCA Member Secretary

Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) honorary animal cruelty inspector Nevina Kamath, street dogs and cats are a native, free roaming species in the Indian sub-continent, with a long history of symbiotic association with humans over the millennia.

Nevina said that just because people have taken over large swathes of land in recent years and built sprawling campuses, doesn't mean people can restrict their movement or right to safe habitats, food and water, or the rights of citizens to provide for them. She said that street dogs own their territories by default, and are assured freedom of movement at will, unfettered by man-made boundaries and this is endorsed by several rulings of our High Courts as well as the honourable Supreme Court.

"The signboard at GKVK prohibiting feeding of street animals is illegal and in contempt of the Law of the Land as well as of several court orders. We need to take suitable action against the authorities who, while being government servants, are in open defiance of the very statutes, ethos and ideology of the Indian State," she said.

Deepthy MG, an advocate, opined that having restrictions on time is not advisable. "Restrictions of animals are against the law, but pet parents walking with their pets need to cultivate civic sense; they must have a poop scooper handy to ensure surroundings they walk are kept clean always and in the safety of other animals and public it is mandatory the pets are on good-quality leashes," said Deepthy.

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Grand old party's mega show

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on a road show, and a rally in support of a local candidate Priya Krishna from Magadi Road to Vijaynagar in the city on Monday

Is there a holiday on polling day?

Activists call on companies that are being lethargic about providing a holiday on May 10

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POLL VAULT

The Election Commission of India (ECI), in a directive dated March 31, had instructed the Karnataka administration to provide a paid holiday on the day of polling (May 10), in order to encourage employees of both government and private organisations to exercise their franchise. While the state government has declared a holiday for all government offices, schools, and institutions, many in the private sector are yet to follow.

V Muthanna, a citizen activist, told Bangalore Mirror that he has raised the issue with regard to two private companies, situated in Bommanahalli and Mahadevapura assembly constituencies, by dialling the 1950 voter helpline.

"The seniors in one of the companies are continuing to make schedules for the week and have not explicitly mentioned that a leave will be provided. Employees are certain that they will be operating on polling day, forcing them to take a leave on a voluntary basis," he explained.

Another scenario is where the employees are being told to finish their voting and report back to work the same day, he added.

He also noted that a majority of the employees in both firms, established fairly recently (1-2 years ago) with a total of close to 2,000 staff members, are not originally from Karnataka. With many not being registered voters in the state, firms have shown a lethargic attitude towards providing a paid holiday.

Furthermore, S Sudhakaran, who has been carrying out voter awareness campaigns, said that one of the significant reasons for voter turnout to remain poor is organisations choosing not to provide leaves. The voter turnout in Bengaluru during the last Assembly polls was only around 55%. He insisted that firms must provide additional holidays to support the conditions of the 'floating population'.

"Many in Bengaluru are migrants who may have to travel to their hometowns to exercise their franchise. For example, when I worked in Davangere, I could vote in Bengaluru and travel back in a day, but for those who reside beyond, it becomes an overnight journey," he said.

The phenomenon affects the overall percentage of voter turnout in the state. He added that many firms have provided employees with a 4-hour window to vote and report back to work, while others have mandated work from home, going against the guidelines of the ECI, and urged the authorities to take strict action against such organisations.

> **"Many who have to travel to their hometown have to take a voluntary leave to exercise their voting rights**

On the other hand, a few students have complained that colleges have scheduled examinations amid the elections while providing leave on polling day.

Pooja Yashodhare from Samvada, who is conducting voter awareness drives among youth, said that the students will prioritise working on their examinations instead of opting to vote on the holiday if the college chooses to schedule examinations before and after the polling day. "The college management does not seem to care about the participation of the young in democratic processes, nor has the ECI taken note of the matter and done enough to encourage them to participate," she said.

The directive from the ECI came in accordance with Section 135B of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, which says, "Every person employed in any business, trade, industrial undertaking, or any other establishment and entitled to vote at an election to the House of the People or the Legislative Assembly of a State shall, on the day of the poll, be granted a holiday." This applies to all employees—those working for public sector undertakings, private businesses, government organisations, banks, or other financial institutions.

IN BRIEF

Talking point: Ban on food mela in Fraser Town

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Residents of Fraser Town demanded the candidates contesting in the Assembly election work for a ban on the food mela that is being organised by a few people during Ramadan month.

Fraser Town Residents' Welfare Association (RWA) organised Hear Your MLA, an interaction programme between the contesting candidates and the residents, on Monday.

The programme was also aimed at not only bringing all the contesting candidates on a platform but also giving them an opportunity to explain how they are going to solve the problems if they get elected. However, Congress candidate AC Srinivasa, JD(S) candidate Anuradha V, BSP candidate Akanda Srinivasa Murthy, and BJP candidate A Murali did not turn up.

"Food melas have become a nuisance for the residents of Fraser Town. I want to know how you are going to fix this issue if you get elected?" Saud Dastagir of Fraser Town RWA asked Aam Aadmi Party candidate Suresh Rathod.

Agreeing with Saud Dastagir, AAP candidate Suresh Rathod has said that he would work for a ban on food melas in Fraser Town if he gets elected to the State Assembly. "I want to go by the majority opinion. If the residents do not want food melas, I too do not want food melas. I will support the residents," said Rathod.

Suresh Rathod said that footpaths are meant for pedestrians and not for hoteliers. On street vendors occupying the footpaths, the AAP candidate said that the government has to take measures to allocate separate vending zones for the street vendors.

The AAP candidate added that he would work hard to mitigate garbage woes in six months. "We have to treat garbage as a patient who needs ambulance vehicles (garbage auto tippers). Measures have to be taken to clear garbage once or twice daily," he explained.

Furthermore, Fouzia, another member of Fraser Town RWA, complained about the worse condition of an abandoned ESI Dispensary building on Haines Road. "The abandoned building has become a dumping place for garbage and also a safe haven for drug addicts," Fouzia asked the AAP candidate.

The residents posed similar questions to the SDPI candidate BR Bhaskar Rao.

Habiba Subhan, organising secretary, Fraser Town RWA, said the association was very happy with the AAP candidate and the SDPI candidate attending. "Other candidates were busy with their election rallies and truly understood that today was the last day for campaigning," said Subhan.

Secure and set for D-Day

15,000 personnel deployed for surveillance of 7,916 polling booths

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Over 15,000 policemen have been deployed in the polling booths of the city's 28 Assembly constituencies. Along with City Police, Central Armed Forces, KSRP contingents and Home Guards will also be involved in the security.

The City Police Commissioner and Additional Police Commissioner have taken charge of security. There will be police surveillance at 7,916 polling booths of the city. Police patrols will be continuous. As many as 123 checkpoints will be functioning in eight divisions.

Apart from this, 29 rowdies who were suspected of endangering law and order were arrested. As many as 7,493 persons with criminal backgrounds were given security bonds and warned not to engage in disturbing activities and 7,761 licenced weapons were recovered. The police said a special operation was conducted and warrants were issued to 4,819 people.

In view of the possibility that the rowdies in the jail could be influenced through telephone calls, the CCB police raided and searched Parappa's Agrahara Central Jail on Monday morning. Sources said that mobile phones were found with some of the rowdies during the raid.

Necessary steps have been taken to enable citizens to vote safely. The city police said that if police are required and election irregularities are found, they can call the control room number 112 and give information. Police have seized Rs 10.93 crore so far.

BSF personnel guard a sealed room where electronic voting machines (EVMs) are stored in Bengaluru on Monday

POLL VAULT

Dry days

The sale, consumption, purchase, and storage of alcohol, wine, arrack, or any other intoxicant in wholesale or retail outlets is prohibited from Monday till May 10 and the same is applied for the counting day on May 13.

All places selling alcohol with the CL9 licence (refreshment room (bar) licence) in Bengaluru and Mangaluru will stay closed, and there will be no door delivery of food as well, said the police order.

Mood of the city as campaigning concludes

As campaigning concluded on Monday, till late evening all the political parties were slugging it out till the last minute.

While PM Modi finished his road yatra on Sunday, it was the turn of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi to interact with Bengalureans. On Monday, he stopped for a cup of coffee at a 'Cafe Coffee Day' outlet on Cunningham Road. He then spoke to college students at a bus stop before entering a BMTC bus and interacting with women passengers.

Vineet Kulkarni, a resident of RR Nagar said he thought no party had done as well as previously in terms of campaigning. "The current situation is such that both parties are spreading hatred towards each other rather than talking about contribution to the public. The other thing is excitement for the election is very less among youngsters. In my apartment complex, some people are still not aware of their voting booths location. Even a tech-friendly person like me had a tough time finding my booth," he said.

To promote voting, Hotel Nisarga Grand on Nripatunga Road has decided to provide free food for voters. Krishnaraj, proprietor, said, "This is the third time that we are giving out free dishes. We had done the same in 2018 state elections and 2019 parliamentary election. Last time, we got a good response with 5,100 people having availed of the offer. This time we are providing free items like butter kali dosa, Mysore pak and juice for every voter. 100 first time voters will also receive free multiplex movie tickets".

—Abhijeet Kabad

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IT'S NOT MERCURY'S FAULT, IS IT?

People are complaining about Mercury in retrograde. But what does it actually mean?

Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun, whipping around our star every 88 days compared to Earth's 365.25 days. Mercury will also be the first planet destroyed when the Sun expands on its way to becoming a red giant in about 5 billion years.

So it seems a bit rough that we blame Mercury for all our problems three to four times a year when it's in retrograde. But what does it mean when we say Mercury is "in retrograde"?

A matter of orbits

Retrograde motion means a planet is moving in the opposite direction to normal around the Sun. However, the planets never actually change direction. What we are talking about is apparent retrograde motion, when to us on Earth it looks like a planet is moving across the sky in the opposite direction to its usual movement.

Because Mercury is closest to the Sun and has the fastest orbit, it appears to move backwards in the sky more often than any other planet.

Let's use my dog Astro to help explain what's happening when we see a planet in retrograde. Astro is a whippet, or a mini-greyhound, and he has a need for speed. If I take Astro for a run on my local cricket oval, he does super-speed laps on the inside while I run much more slowly around the outside.

If we're both going anti-clockwise around the cricket pitch, when Astro is on the opposite side of the oval to me it looks like he's going left while I'm jogging right. But when he gets to the same side of the oval as me, it suddenly looks like he's running right instead of left (retrograde).

This happens because Astro is going much faster than me, and is inside my "orbit" of the oval.

Because Mercury's orbit is inside Earth's orbit, seeing it from our planet is like me watching Astro run.

But Mercury isn't the only planet to do this. Venus also orbits inside our orbit of the Sun, zipping around once every 224.7 days. This means Venus is in retrograde twice every three years.

The other retrograde

It works the other way around, too. The planets outside our orbit (Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune) also go into retrograde.

To work this out, we need to swap our perspective. Astro is definitely not a deep thinker, but let's imagine for a moment that he is and think about what he sees as he runs around the oval.

He's running around the oval and he starts catching me up from behind. At this moment it seems like we're both going the same direction, to the right. But as he starts to pass me, it seems like I'm going backwards or left (retrograde) while he continues to run forwards to the right.

This is what happens when we look up at the sky and see one of the outer planets in retrograde.

Mars is in retrograde once every two years. The other planets are so far from the Sun and travelling so slowly compared to Earth that it's almost like they're standing still. So we see them in retrograde approximately once a year as we whip around the Sun so much faster than they do.

A well-known illusion

Retrograde motion bamboozled ancient astronomers since humans started looking up in space, and we only officially figured it out when Copernicus proposed in 1543 that the planets are orbiting the Sun (though he wasn't the first astronomer to propose this heliocentric model).

Before Copernicus, many astronomers thought Earth was the centre of the universe and the planets were spinning around us. Astronomers like Apollonius around 300 BCE saw the planets going backwards, and explained this by adding more circles called epicycles.

So, humans found out retrograde motion was an optical illusion 500 years ago. However, the pseudoscientific practice of astrology continues to ascribe a deeper meaning to this illusion.

There's a retrograde most of the time

If we consider the seven planets other than Earth, at least one planet is in retrograde for 244 days of 2023 – that's around two-thirds of the year.

If we include the dwarf planets Pluto and Ceres (and exclude the other seven dwarf planets in the Solar System), at least one planet or dwarf planet is in retrograde for 354 days of 2023, leaving only 11 days without any retrograde motion.

I like to think the biggest impact the planets have on Earth is bringing wonder and joy every time we turn our eyes (and our telescopes) to the night sky. Astro, on the other hand, is happy as long as he gets to run around the oval and bark at possums.

(By Laura Nicole Driessen, University of Sydney, The Conversation)

All you need to know about...

Overactive bladder

What is it?
An overactive bladder (OAB) is very sensitive because nerves in the bladder wall give the sensation that the bladder is full and fire off when it isn't. So an overactive bladder leads to frequent and sudden urges to pass urine that may be difficult to control.

What are the symptoms?
The classic symptoms of OAB are urgency, leaking, frequency, often eight or more times in 24 hours and a nocturnal frequency of urinating over twice a night.

What are the causes?
The problem is, when urine starts to collect in your bladder, nerve signals travel to your brain and trigger the need to pass it before your bladder is full.
This is because the muscles in the wall of your bladder start to contract involuntarily even when there's ANY urine in your bladder, creating an urgent need to empty it.

What are the treatments?
Pelvic floor muscle exercises will help your bladder to hold more urine and leak less.
Delay going to the toilet for as long as you can starting with a few minutes and gradually increasing to three to four hours.
Prescription medications from your doctor can relax the bladder and curtail urge incontinence.
Botox injected directly into bladder tissues help relax the sensitive muscles.
Nerve impulses to your bladder can be controlled with a thin wire placed close to the sacral nerves near your tailbone.
Percutaneous tibial nerve stimulation, where a thin needle placed near your tibial nerve sends impulses up your spine to the nerves that control your bladder.

—Dr Miriam Stoppard, Daily Mirror

MIRRORLIGHTS

Maternal PCOS can affect make sons obese: Study

Sons born to women with polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) are three times more likely to develop obesity, a precursor to many diseases including heart disease and diabetes, according to a study.

PCOS is caused by the ovaries producing too much of the sex hormone testosterone. The disease affects around 15 per cent of women of childbearing age worldwide and is a condition that can make it difficult to get pregnant. In addition, the disease is associated with various health problems such as diabetes, obesity, and mental illness.

Researchers from Karolinska Institutet in Sweden said the findings highlight a previously unknown risk of passing PCOS-related health problems across generations through the male side of a family.

While it is not yet clear how sons of women with PCOS are affected, research suggests that they are more likely to have weight and hormone problems.

The study, published in Cell Reports Medicine, also showed that daughters of women with PCOS have a five-fold risk of developing the same disease.

"We discovered that sons of women with PCOS have a three-fold risk of obesity and of having high levels of 'bad' cholesterol, which increases the risk of developing insulin resistance and Type 2 diabetes later in life," said Elisabet Stener-Victorin, Professor at the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology, Karolinska Institutet.

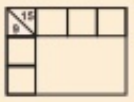
IANS

SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

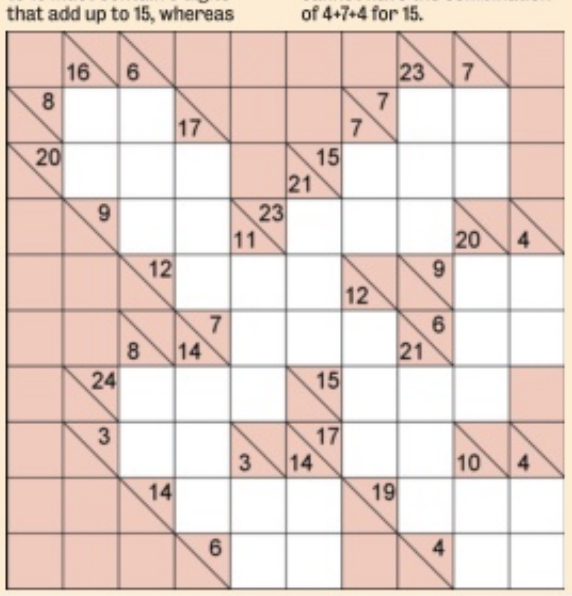
[{8!/8!!-8!!!/8+8^1/8^0+(8^2*8^-2)}{8^-0.5/8^(1/2)}] = ?

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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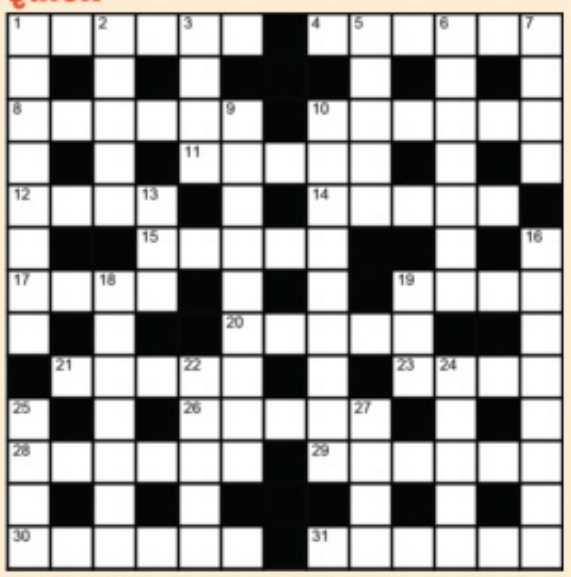


ACROSS

1 Hair ointment (6)
4 Scribble (6)
8 Pearl creator (6)
10 Substance (6)
11 Impressionist painter (5)
12 An outdoor bathing pool (4)
14 Former South African paceman Makhaya ___ (5)
15 Threw or hurled? (5)
17 _ __ it : I follow this? (1,3)
19 Interweave (4)
20 Light wood (5)
21 Bend out of line (5)
23 Voucher (4)
26 The way in (5)
28 Gnawing creature (6)
29 Spookier (6)
30 Small crustacean (6)
31 Sticking points (6)

DOWN

1 Announce (8)
2 Thought or pondered over? (5)
3 Changed colour (4)
5 Beach or seashore (5)
6 Aerial (7)
7 Traditional tales (4)
9 Reclining (9)
10 Port city in Karnataka (9)
13 Frequently (3)
16 Resumes (8)
18 The state capital is Quito (7)
19 Resinous deposit (3)
22 Snake poison (5)
24 Japanese poem (5)
25 Units of work (4)
27 Hankers after (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: W EQUALS G

ONQMU PK IFM NLLNKPIM NV IFM JMEIFMX. QNSNCU IEZYK ESNGI PI, SGI MTMXUSNCU CNMK KNOMIFPQW ESNGI PI.

Linemaro

I could offer you a drink, but I'd be jealous of the glass

Mindchow

A crust eaten in peace is better than a banquet partaken in anxiety

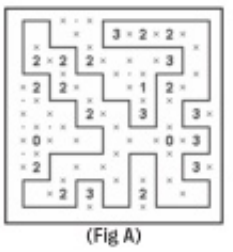
Joke of the day

How does a man show he is planning for the future? He buys two cases of beer

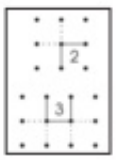
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)



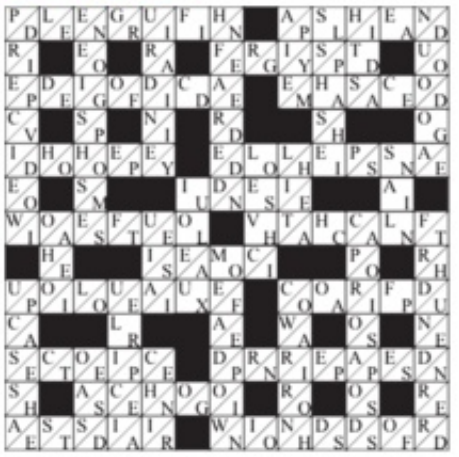
(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

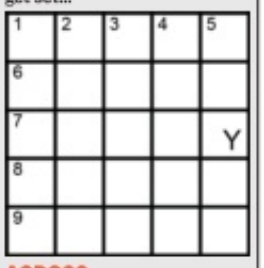
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

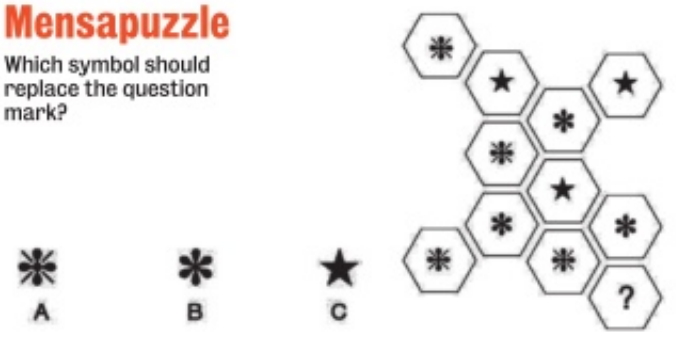
1 As cub; 6 Lunar; 7 Say Ms; 8 A rale; 9 Scowl

DOWN

1 Camus; 2 Coral; 3 Sun we; 4 Baals; 5 Lyra's

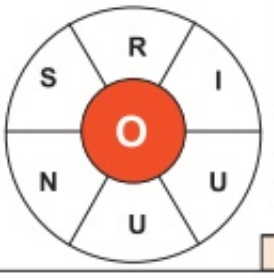
Mensapuzzle

Which symbol should replace the question mark?



A B C

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

03 Average; 04 Good; 05 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

3	8					9		7
		4			9			8
			1					5
	7	5		3				
		3	2		5	4		
				7		5	9	
7					6			
4			5			6		
5		6					2	9

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 15
4 6 8 9

Medium = 17
2 3 9 9

Hard = 9
1 5 9 5

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

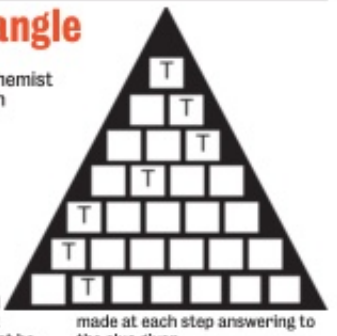
Differences: 1. Thumb is moved. 2. Desk is not as wide. 3. Papers on desk are moved. 4. Ear is smaller. 5. Back of chair is different. 6. Cabinet is not as wide.

Riddler

What is the next number in the series: 14; 87; 525; 3,153?

Alpha triangle

1 Tonne, abbr.
2 Astatine for the chemist
3 Paintings and such
4 Sirius, e.g.
5 Rips
6 Buys and sells
7 Wandered away



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

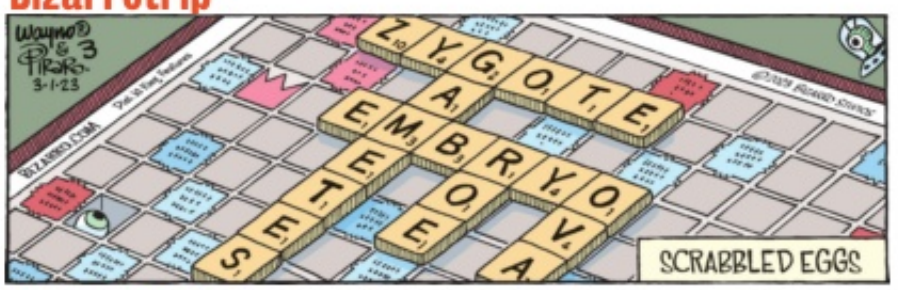
DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

HI, BUDDY... I'VE JUST BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THIS TRIBE
THEY TELL ME THE CHIEF IS A FAT CLOWN...MEAN AND ORNERY. ANYTHING ELSE I SHOULD KNOW?
YEAH...HE READS LIPS

Bizarrotrip



Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

BRING BACK DEERIE!
WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM.
ENTER: VICE PRINCIPAL SANCHEZ
DEERIE DEAN OR DEATH!
LET'S SEE WHAT YOUR MOTHER THINKS OF THIS DISRUPTION.
YEAH, LET'S!
YOU'RE ABOUT TO GET A CALL FROM SCHOOL. I DID NOTHING WRONG.
TYPE TYPE TYPE

Crankshaft

YOU MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER ADDING A BLOG TO YOUR WEBSITE, LILLIAN.
A BLOG? BUT I REALLY DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY.
THAT'S OKAY...
NO ONE ELSE DOES EITHER!

Mutts

IS TODAY FEBRUARY 29th OR MARCH FIRST?
THERE IS NO FEBRUARY 29th THIS YEAR. THIS DAY IS ONLY MARCH FIRST.
GEE.....
COULDN'T THEY HAVE SHPLIT IT?

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may be escaped from reality, you may not be able to take your responsibilities. Your investments may give you some loss. You are advised to read documents carefully before putting your signature. Elders' health may make you upset. You may plan to reconstruct your house, it is advised to postpone renovation for a while.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you may help needy people; it may increase your social respect. You may also put your hundred per cent effort into your work, resulting in it may complete before time. You may hear some good news from your sibling. Too much work may make you tired; you are advised to avoid stress today, otherwise stress can affect both your professional and personal life.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may get tired due to overworking. It may make you lazy and careless; you are advised to keep patience. If you are planning an adventure tour, you are advised to postpone it for a while. Your past investments may convert into dead stock. Students are advised to work hard. You may have back ache, nervous system, lever, and skin related issues.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may feel better, situations may be under control. Your network may help you in the work front. You may plan for overseas travel. This is a good time to increase domestic harmony and love life. With the help of creativity, you may bring some artifacts or creative stuff for the family. You may also plan to watch movies or go for outings with friends or family.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may feel dull; your focus may be lost towards your targets, and you may hypothetically take some decision, which may be seen beyond reality. Your expectation may be very high and because of impatience you are not able to fulfil your expectation; you may be upset. You are advised to be careful in adventure tours and rash driving.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today your creativity may be high; you may plan to renovate the house. You may buy some stuff to renovate your house or office, which may increase social status. There is likely to be some harmony with the spouse. It creates harmony in domestic life. Disputes with friends, co-workers and partners may be settled down. You may get good news in terms of litigation.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today your creativity may be high; you may attend some creative event. Your money which was stuck, may be recovered now. Jobseekers are advised to update their knowledge with the latest one. Students are advised to input some more effort in their academics.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you may be busy with kids ' academics; you may plan for their higher studies also. Couples may hear good news in terms of kids. You may think to update yourself and make some plan for higher studies to get a promotion in the current job. Singles may find their soulmate.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you are likely to control your internal weakness after analysing yourself; you may be confident, it may give you. You may fight against flesh and addictions of any stuff. Singles are likely to find their good match. Love birds are now having clarity in their relationship. You may expect some opportunities for overseas travel.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today disputes with the siblings may be settled down; it may boost your relationship with the siblings. Your vitality seems to be good, it may help you to complete difficult projects easily. You may expand your network after a short work related trip. You may also help some needy person, it may increase your social status.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may be busy with family and social events; you may become polite with the people around you, which may increase your image among your relatives and friends. You will spend money buying artifacts, and other stuff, which will improve your social status. You may hear some good news from one of your close relatives.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today some dissatisfaction may come into your mind; you may be under the self exploration state, it affects your current speed of the project or work in terms of delay. You may waste your precious time on worthless tasks. After late evening, things may be somehow better.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
1. 8!/8!=106
2. 8!!/8=10
3. 8^1/8*0=8
4. (8^2*8^-2)=1
5. (8^-0.5/8)^(1/2)=1/8

BULL'S EYE
iron, onus, rosin, RUINOUS, sour

RIDDLER
18921 (x6, +3)

FAST FIVE
{[(105-10+8+1) {1/8}] = 104^1/8 =
13

STRIKE OUT

QUICK

QUOTE UNCODE
Money is the opposite of the weather. Nobody talks about it, but everybody does something about it.

MENSA PUZZLE
C: so that each straight line of three hexagons contains one each of the three different symbols.

SUDOKU

3	8	1	4	5	2	9	6	7
2	5	4	7	6	9	3	1	8
9	6	7	1	8	3	2	4	5
6	7	5	9	3	4	1	8	2
8	9	3	2	1	5	4	7	6
1	4	2	6	7	8	5	9	3
7	1	9	3	2	6	8	5	4
4	2	8	5	9	7	6	3	1
5	3	6	8	4	1	7	2	9

ALPHA TRIANGLE
T, AT, ART, STAR, TEARS, TRADES, STRAYED.

GO FIGURE
Easy
4 – 6 + 8 + 9 = 15
Medium
9 – 3 + 9 + 2 = 17
Hard
9 + 5 – 5 x 1 = 9

LOOP

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Not enough action— Actress-singer Jennifer Lopez laments that she should have landed more action roles when she was younger. After her latest films Shotgun Wedding and The Mother, she said she enjoys the thrill of playing a tough character

LOW-KEY HOMECOMING

When Deepika is in her hometown B'luru

Trust Deepika Padukone to make heads turn wherever she goes, whether it is her breathtaking airport looks or her charismatic event appearances. Recently, the Pathaan star was seen arriving for an event in her hometown Bengaluru, along with sister Anisha.

Devoid of any starry air and fanfare, the diva made a low-key entrance to the event, dressed up in a plain white shirt with denims. Even though she was escorted by her security entourage at the do, the star looked completely at ease amidst the crowd and thoroughly enjoyed herself.

Of course, her fans went ballistic with the unexpected sighting of their diva and were seen rooting for her. While one fan shouted, "Deepika we love you," another one said, "Seeing Deepika was a bonus." Another fan, who was pleasantly surprised at seeing the star said, "I never expected I will meet the person who inspired me all these years. You are a true rockstar." After this, Deepika returned to Mumbai on Sunday.

—ETimes

In the purse

Ananya Panday is one of the most fashionable icons of tinsel town. The 24-year-old, known for movies like Pati Patni Aur Woh, Gehraiyaan and others was recently spotted at a fashion gala in Mumbai. Looking breathtaking in her hot pink ensemble, that included a blazer and pants, Ananya surely made heads turn with her look. However, what grabbed more attention was her unique, tiny bag that was golden in colour and had the dollar sign engraved on it.

As soon as Ananya posed for pictures at the event, paps could not help but playfully tease her on the same, with a photographer asking her, "Ma'am, balti hai?". Some fans also flooded the comments section with hilarious notes. While one said, "Daal tadke ki balti," another one wrote, "that purse size is equal to her struggle." "She will carry leftover dal or vegetable in it," quipped another.

—ETimes

Evergreen fashionistas

They are 90s divas. When it comes to fashion, they can still run the game with their unique choices. Need proof? Raveena Tandon and Shilpa Shetty rocked the red carpet look at a recent award function in Mumbai.

Taking to Instagram, Shilpa posted two pictures of her look. "I've earned my stripes", wrote the actor in the caption. She chose a black-and-white striped skirt with a crop top of a similar design. Shilpa added doses of glamour with golden bangles and a neckpiece. Shilpa's look garnered praise on her social media.

One posted fire emojis on it, while another wrote, "Sooo hotttt my Shilpudi."

Now turn to Raveena Tandon! The actor looked absolutely gorgeous in a cut-out dress from the collections of the designers' duo Shantanu-Nikhil. Raveena accentuated her look with danglers, a messy bun and bright eye makeup.

—ANI

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